

DAS JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

The Judicial Conduct Commission is a quasi-independent agency that investigates and resolves complaints against Utah judges. The executive director manages claims, assigns investigators, and recommends prosecution of judges when necessary. The commission dismisses approximately ninety percent of all claims, resolves five percent by stipulation, and conducts formal hearings for five percent of all claims.

ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

Judicial Complaints Received

The commission strives to promote public confidence in the judicial system and create greater awareness of proper judicial conduct. The following chart shows the number of complaints received and investigated by the commission.

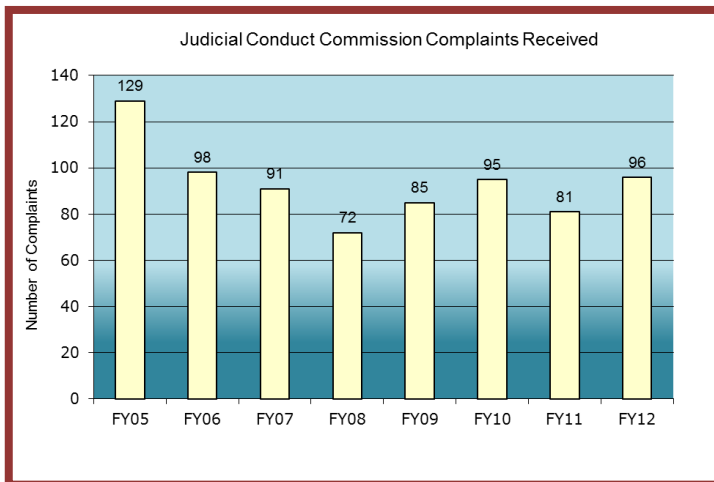


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BUDGET DETAIL

Current Expense in this budget is used to hire outside investigators and temporary employees based on case load.

Figure 1: Administrative Services - Judicial Conduct Commission - Budget History

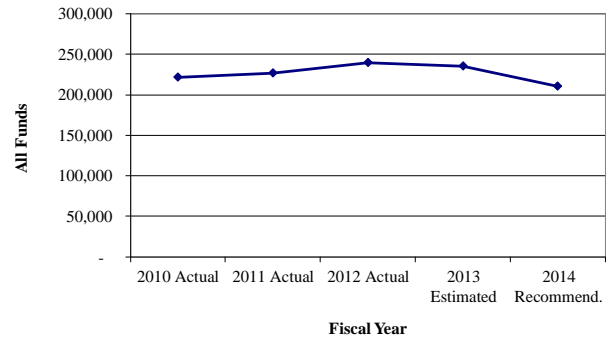


Figure 2: Administrative Services - Judicial Conduct Commission - FTE History

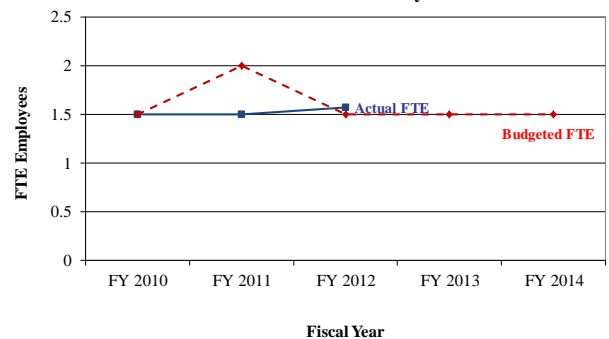
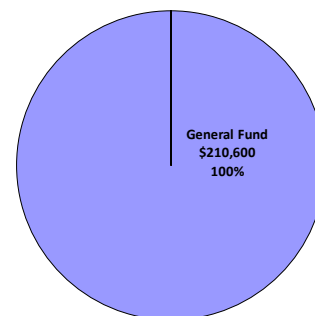


Figure 3: Administrative Services - Judicial Conduct Commission - FY 2014 Funding Mix



Intent Language

The Analyst recommends the Legislature approve the nonlapsing intent language for Fiscal Year 2013 delineated in the Intent Language Issue Brief.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends the Legislature approve:

1. A total base appropriation of \$210,600 for the Commission
2. Intent language making the FY 2013 appropriation nonlapsing.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Administrative Services - Judicial Conduct Commission						
Sources of Finance	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2013 Revised	Changes	FY 2014* Recommended
General Fund	206,600	210,600	0	210,600	0	210,600
Beginning Nonlapsing	58,300	37,100	(11,900)	25,200	(25,200)	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(25,200)	(15,900)	15,900	0	0	0
Total	\$239,700	\$231,800	\$4,000	\$235,800	(\$25,200)	\$210,600
Programs						
Judicial Conduct Commission	239,700	231,800	4,000	235,800	(25,200)	210,600
Total	\$239,700	\$231,800	\$4,000	\$235,800	(\$25,200)	\$210,600
Categories of Expenditure						
Personnel Services	195,600	195,300	1,500	196,800	0	196,800
In-state Travel	2,800	2,000	800	2,800	0	2,800
Out-of-state Travel	7,100	4,400	2,700	7,100	(3,600)	3,500
Current Expense	28,800	23,800	(100)	23,700	(20,700)	3,000
DP Current Expense	5,400	6,300	(900)	5,400	(900)	4,500
Total	\$239,700	\$231,800	\$4,000	\$235,800	(\$25,200)	\$210,600
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	2	2	0	2	0	2
Actual FTE	2	0	0	0	0	0

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.